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Towards gastric cancer  
screening implementation  
in the European Union

## CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Flanders Meeting & Convention Center | Antwerp, Belgium  
Entrance Elisabeth Center Antwerp | Koningin Astridplein 26  
Meeting Room "Darwin Hall"

**TOGAS**

Dear colleagues,  
Dear participants,

I herewith cordially welcome you to the first edition of the TOGAS conference.

We have put together an exciting and stimulating programme and are looking forward to the discussion on gastric cancer prevention during our one-day meeting.

The TOGAS project is expected to develop a guide for implementation of gastric cancer prevention in Europe. This cannot be completed without an active involvement of the EU Member States who are expected to implement the strategies in real life. Therefore, we have planned the program both to provide decision-makers with the most recent information on gastric cancer prevention and to obtain feedback on the perspective of implementation in various countries.

Your feedback is very important!

We would anticipate that the TOGAS results will be important not only for EU, but also for other countries in the region as well as beyond, including in other continents. Therefore, we expect that these meetings, which will be held on an annual basis during the lifetime of TOGAS, will serve to bridge the gaps in information on gastric cancer prevention, and to connect researchers with the best available practices across the globe.



Mārcis Leja, Riga, Latvia  
Scientific Manager

08.30 - 10.40

## SESSION 1 - STATE OF THE PLAY

Chair: Jan Bornschein, Oxford, United Kingdom

### 08.30 – 08.50

01.01. Global overview of gastric cancer burden and introduction to available preventive strategies

*Jin Young Park, Lyon, France*

### 08.50 – 09.10

01.02. The update of gastric cancer prevention in the current guidelines (Maastricht, REGAIN, Taipei)

*Peter Malfertheiner, Munich, Germany*

### 09.10 – 09.25

01.03 Gastric precancerous lesions, MAPS guideline

*Mário Dinis-Ribeiro, Porto, Portugal*

### 09.25 – 09.45

01.04. Current evidence of the effect and cost-effectiveness of the *H. pylori* test-and-treat strategy for gastric cancer prevention

*Paul Moayyedi, Hamilton, Canada*

### 09.45 – 10.05

01.05. What we can learn from long-term implementation of a population-based *H. pylori* eradication Strategy

*Yi-Chia Lee, Taipei, Taiwan*

### 10.05 – 10.20

01.06. Overview of the regular clinical practice of *H.pylori* management in Europe

*Olga P. Nyssen, Madrid, Spain*

### 10.20 – 10.40

Panel Discussion

### 10.40 – 11.00

*Coffee Break*

11.00 - 12.10

## SESSION 2 - TOGAS PROJECT OVERVIEW

Chair: Colm O'Morain, Dublin, Ireland

### 11.00 – 11.15

02.01. Overview of the TOGAS\* project

*Mārcis Leja, Riga, Latvia*

### 11.15 – 11.30

02.02. Survey on EU member states' need, willingness and readiness to implement a gastric cancer screening programme

*Janet Takens (Thomas More), Antwerp, Belgium*

### 11.30 – 11.45

02.03. Understanding barriers and acceptability for gastric cancer screening

*Zorana Maravic (DiCE), Brussels, Belgium*

### 11.45 – 11.55

02.04. Survey of medical professionals

*Mārcis Leja, Riga, Latvia*

### 11.55 – 12.10

02.05. Cost-effectiveness analysis – what is required from the MSs

*Iris Lansdorp – Vogelaar, Rotterdam, The Netherlands*

### 12.10 – 13.10

*Lunch Break*

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13.10 - 14.20

## SESSION 3 - TOGAS: CLINICAL STUDY OVERVIEW

Chair: Jaroslav Regula, Warsaw, Poland

**13.10 – 13.25**

03.01. Pilot 1. *H.pylori* screen and treat early at adulthood. EUROHELICAN & TOGAS  
*Bojan Tepeš, Ljubljana, Slovenia*

**13.25 – 13.40**

03.02. Pilot 2. Stomach assessment in subjects undergoing colonoscopy  
*Jan Bornschein, Oxford, United Kingdom*

**13.40 – 13.55**

03.03. Pilot 3. Addressing the long-term adverse events of *H.pylori* eradication based on pepsinogen screening and *H.pylori* eradication study in middle-aged population  
*Danute Ražuka-Ebela, Riga, Latvia*

**13.55 – 14.20**

Panel Discussion | Inv. speakers from Sessions 3 & 4

14.20 - 15.00

## SESSION 4 - EUROPEAN PROCESS OF GUIDELINE DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Javier Gisbert, Madrid, Spain

**14.20 – 14.30**

04.01. Implementation process of EU Mission Recommendations  
*Christine Chomienne Paris, France*

**14.30 – 14.45**

04.02. Europe's Beating Cancer Plan: The new EU Cancer Screening Scheme  
*Matthias Schuppe, Brussels, Belgium (on-line)*

**14.45 – 15.00**

04.03. The EC Knowledge Centre on Cancer and its methodology for developing the Initiatives on Breast, Colorectal, and Cervical Cancer  
*Gian Paolo Morgano, Ispra, Italy*

15.00 - 15.30

*Coffee Break*

**15.30 - 17.00**

## **SESSION 5 - TIME FOR GLOBAL ACTION**

Chair: Mārcis Leja, Riga, Latvia

**15.30 – 15.50**

05.01. Linque county study status

*Wen Qing Li, Beijing, China*

**15.50 – 16.05**

05.02. Bhutan experience

*Gerwin Winter, Basel, Switzerland*

**16.05 – 16.15**

05.03. Experience with endoscopic gastroesophageal cancer screening in Kazakhstan (2013-2017)

*Alma Zhylkaidarova, Almaty, Kazakhstan*

**16.15 – 16.30**

05.04. Overview of gastric cancer prevention programmes in Latin America

*Constanza Camargo, Rockville, MD, USA*

**16.30 – 16.40**

05.05. Is there a place for AI in cancer prediction: AIDA efforts

*Tania Fleitas Kanonnikoff, Valencia, Spain (online)*

**16.40 – 16.50**

05.06. Prevention of gastric cancer in the framework of occupational health surveillance: The CPW project

*Paolo Boffetta, Bologna, Italy*

**16.50 – 17.00**

05.07. CARECOL data collaborative

*Inese Poļaka, Riga, Latvia*

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17.00 - 18.30

## SESSION 6 - COUNTRY RELATED ISSUES, FEEDBACK, DISCUSSION

Chair: Yelena Tarasenko, Statesboro, Georgia, USA

### 17.00 – 17.10

06.01. Experience with the survey of medical professionals in Azerbaijan  
*Gulustan Babajeva, Baku, Azerbaijan*

### 17.10 – 17.20

06.02. Czech perspective  
*Ondřej Májek, Brno, Czech Republic*

### 17.20 – 17.30

06.03. Gastric cancer screening in Estonia: chances and obstacles  
*Thomas Zimmerer, Tallinn, Estonia*

### 17.30 – 17.40

06.04. Gastric cancer screening in Italy (*online*)  
*Stefania Boccia, Rome, Italy*

### 17.40 – 18.00

06.05. Country-specific remarks

### 18.00 – 18.30

*Discussion on EU country-specific issues*



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